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1. In Moulmein there are 21 tons of antimony, 48 percent pure, and in Mandalay there are 60 metric tons, 55 percent pure. The latter supply was mined in the area of the Mogok ruby mines several years ago and is still unsold.
2. A few tons of bismuth are available in Tavoy as well as some molybdenum. Small tonnages of copper matte, lead, and some zinc concentrates from old stocks at Bawdwin are available in Rangoon. Several hundred pounds of quartz crystal are being held in Rangoon. It is not known if this crystal is piezoelectric grade.
3. The Kachins claim that a very important lead deposit has been discovered in their state, at Aranku (26-50, 98-00). There is a poor road as far north as Sumprabum, but from Sumprabum to Aranku, a distance of 50 miles, there are only mountain trails, the last 20 miles of which are passable only on foot. The deposits, located in unmapped territory, are said to be surrounded by mountains 9,000 to 12,800 feet in height. Samples of the ore from Aranku have shown zinc, copper, nickel, cobalt and substantial quantities of silver to be present.
4. The Straits Trading Company, which owns the Singapore tin smelter, has checked the amang* from various European mining companies in Burma for its monazite content. This action was taken without the knowledge of the Government of Burma.

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* Comment. The heavy minerals recovered in treating alluvials for tin.

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